

REMARKS

Claims 14-20 are pending in the above-identified application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 14-18 are allowable. Claim 19 is herein amended. No new subject matter is added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by *Costello et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0007225).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for rejecting claims 19 and 20. However, to expedite prosecution and clarify the subject matter of the present invention, Applicants hereby amend claim 19 to recite the step of *ordering the parts by transmitting the prepared parts check list based on the parts list, and, when the parts information and assembly parts information on an assembly composed of the parts are selected, obtaining only the parts data of the assembly*. Support for this amendment is found, for example, in originally filed claim 14 (which has been held allowable) and on pages 17 and 18 of the specification. In view of this amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the anticipation rejection of claims 19 and 20.

Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference the disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim. However, *Costello et al.* does NOT disclose the step of *ordering the part by transmitting the prepared parts checklist*

based on the parts list, and, when the parts information and assembly parts information on an assembly composed of the parts are selected, obtaining only the parts data of the assembly.

Claim 19. For example, as discussed in the Amendment filed on July 25, 2006, the Examiner's assertion that the aforementioned claim feature is disclosed in paragraphs 0026 and 0028 of *Costello et al.* is incorrect. Moreover, even assuming that *Costello et al.* discloses an electronic system of "parts ordering", it does not do so, for example, by transmitting a prepared parts check list 360 based on the parts list 352 (that is presented on display together with the layout 350) as described in claim 19 (e.g., the Examiner is confusing the parts list 352 from the prepared parts checklist 360.) Also, the system/method described in *Costello et al.* does NOT include a step for preventing the duplicate acquisition of a part as described in the amended portion of claim 19. Thus, the anticipation rejection of independent claim 19 is not supported by the cited reference and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow claim 19.

Claim 20, which depends from independent claim 19, should likewise be allowed based on dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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